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Statement by Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson, United States Representative to the United Nations, to the Press at 8:45 p.m. after the Security Council adjourned Tuesday, October 23, 1962

I want to say just five quick things.

First, the USSR did not deny that Soviet MREM and IREM sites and missiles have been secretly installed in Cuba.

Second, in consequence the Representative of the Soviet Union has in effect admitted that the Soviet statement of September 11 "that there was no need for the Soviet Union to shift its weapons to any other country, for instance Cuba" and that there was "no need to search for sites for them beyond the boundaries of the Soviet Union" was deliberate deceit.

Third, the USSR has thus itself fully confirmed to the Security Council the urgent necessity of the measures we were forced to take in our own defense - in defense of the hemisphere - and in defense of other allies of the United States and unaligned powers alike.

Fourth, this sequence of events should put the Council and the world on the alert about all protestations of innocence which we may expect to hear in the next few days.

And finally it is now apparent that President Dorticos of Cuba was admitting the existence of long range nuclear weapons in Cuba when he told the General Assembly on October 8, "we have sufficient means with which to defend ourselves; we have indeed our inevitable weapons, the weapons which we would have preferred not to acquire and which we do not wish to employ."